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**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ESTABLISHES THE JIM “DOC” WILEY
LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD**

PURCELLVILLE, Va., April 19, 2018 — The Purcellville Arts Council is pleased to announce the inaugural Jim “Doc” Wiley Award for Leadership in the Arts. This award is named for Dr. James Wiley, beloved family dentist, former Town Council member, and long-time supporter of art and artists in Purcellville, and is intended to recognize an individual or organization in the greater Purcellville area for making a significant impact on the arts in the community.

Nominations are due Friday, May 4, 2018 by 5 p.m. The winner will be announced at the May 19 Purcellville Music and Arts Festival.

Candidates considered may include artists, teachers of art, producers or managers of arts venues, patrons of the arts, and art advocates. The objective is to highlight the recipient’s artistic impact on the greater Purcellville area. Nominees may include individuals, organizations or businesses that have demonstrated excellence and leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Artistic achievement in the performing, visual or literary arts
- Long-term individual or organizational support that has made a significant impact on the arts in greater Purcellville
- Investment in artistic and cultural activities that have made a significant impact on greater Purcellville
- Promotion of the arts in the greater Purcellville community in a distinctly creative or exceptionally effective manner

Nominations must include the completed nomination form, at least one letter of support from another organization or individual, and samples of work (as appropriate) in digital form.

The recipient of the 2018 Jim “Doc” Wiley Award will be selected by the Purcellville Arts Council. Details and the nomination form are available on the Purcellville Arts Council page of the Town of Purcellville’s website at www.PurcellvilleVa.gov.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, entertainment, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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